

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:

generating a command sequence in a remote component, the command sequence being used in monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics and determining a type of operating data recording;

transmitting the command sequence via a communication module in the [[to]] [[a]] monitoring unit in the motor vehicle; ~~and~~

processing the command sequence in [[a]] the processing unit in the monitoring unit; and

continuously monitoring the operating data to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein[[:]] the command sequence is generated in [[a]] the remote component ~~location~~ and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote component ~~location~~ to the processing unit.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein[[:]] the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein[[:]] the command sequence is transmitted via a mobile telephone network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

checking the command sequence ~~for plausibility~~ in the processing unit.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:
storing the command sequence in a storage unit.

23. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:
transmitting the recorded data from the monitoring unit.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:
transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met.

25. (Currently Amended) A device for recording operating data, comprising:
[[an]] a remote arrangement for generating a command sequence, the command sequence being used in monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics and determining a type of operating data recording;
a communication module for transmitting the command sequence via the communication module in the [[to]] [[a]] monitoring unit in the motor vehicle;
a processing unit for processing the command sequence, which is used in continuously monitoring the operating data to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty; and
a storage unit for recording the operating data.

26. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:
a display unit .

27. (Currently Amended) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:
operational control elements connected to one another via data lines.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:
causing a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle to receive a generated command sequence using a processing unit, wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote component and transmitted via a communication module;

determining a type of operating data recording from the generated command sequence using the processing unit; and

processing the generated command sequence in ~~[[a]]~~ the processing unit in the monitoring unit; and

continuously monitoring the operating data to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a computer program, which is executable by a processor, comprising:

a program code arrangement having program code for performing the following:

generating a command sequence in a remote component;

determining a type of operating data recording from the command sequence;

transmitting the command sequence via a communication module of [[to]] a monitoring unit in a motor vehicle; ~~and~~

processing the command sequence in a processing unit ~~[[in]]~~ of the monitoring unit; and

continuously monitoring the operating data to determine when components of an engine no longer comply with a predetermined limit or manufacturer's warranty.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium as recited in claim 29, wherein the program code arrangement further includes program code for performing the following:

checking the command sequence ~~for plausibility~~ in the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

31. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

checking the command sequence ~~for plausibility~~ in the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met;
wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and
wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

32. (Currently Amended) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:

a checking arrangement to check the command sequence ~~for plausibility~~ in the processing unit, wherein the storage unit stores the command sequence; and
a transmitting arrangement to transmit a message when a specific criterion is met;
wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and
wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

33. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 28, further comprising:

checking the command sequence ~~for plausibility~~ in the processing unit;
storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and
transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met;
wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and
wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.